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President Elliott, Ladies and Gentlemen:

The timeliness and the importance of this subject is indicated by the large audience here assembled. It would be interesting to know why you have come. I take it some have come to get light in an area of great confusion. I suppose some are here in the vain hope that I will castigate the Jews. I presume others are here, also in vain, hoping that I have seen the new light and am abandoning the anti-Zionist position which I have held for these many years.

When the world is tragically divided and pagan forces are taking advantage of the divisions to further their ignoble ambitions, one must aspire to see such divisive and menacing forces as organized Zionism deflated. This is the time all American citizens should be good Americans -- Jews and Gentiles alike. It is my contention that Zionism has been a hurtful, disruptive force in America and in the world. It should be unmasked. It should be deflated. It should be examined unemotionally, for what it really is. When that is done by enough people it will cease to be a destructive and hurtful factor in the contemporary scene with the threat of world communism calling for a unity of spirit that is presently lacking.

I lay no claim to be an authority in these matters. I think we should all be humble when we approach great problems and particularly problems which have to do with the destinies of people. I have made a number of trips to Palestine. I have had intimate friendships there over a long period of time. Recently our family and the Norman Vincent

Peale family of New York visited the Middle East. In the Arab states we interviewed large numbers of leaders who had a competent grasp of the serious situation. We had, for example, the privilege one evening of a seminar with some of the top leaders arranged by Dr. Stephen Penrose, then President of the American University at Beirut, whose untimely death has been a tragic loss to our country and to the Middle East.

We did not visit the State of Israel on that trip, having been advised against doing so in view of a long conflict over Zionism on my part. There had been insistent effort at character assassination directed against me, only terminated by my firm assurance that the matter would be brought into the open in a lawsuit in which I was supported by the Trustees of all the groups with which I have been identified. The charge of anti-Semitism was utterly unfounded but the charge of anti-Zionism was apt and unto it I plead guilty. From that position, I have never deviated. That is my position tonight and I frankly hope my address will win others to that position because I believe in it deeply.

Judaism is an ancient and honorable religion based on the Old Testament. It was the religion of our Saviour in his boyhood. It is a primary ingredient in the synthesis of Christianity. Its rabbis have the most thorough training and the best education of any religious ministry. Judaism has been important to the on-going stream of civilization in many countries. Through the centuries there has been no conflict between being a good Englishman or a good Yemenite, or a good Irishman and a good Jew—religiously. Nor are there records of the faith having been used for political ends until recent years. Judaism has produced unusually high

standards of monogamous marriage. It has developed strong family ties and respect for ancestry not unlike that found in China.

The Hebrew tradition began with Abraham about 1490 B.C. His lineal descendants were said to be the children of Noah's son Shem and therefore were called Semites. Theirs has been a hard lot. Rome conquered and dispersed them in 70 A.D. and destroyed their holy city of Jerusalem, since which time they have wandered the earth, and had their citizenship in many countries.

Jews who did not become apostate to their Faith venerated the moral ideals of their ancestry and cherished the hopes first stated by their ancient prophets. Families who have remained steadfast in the faith usually sing a psalm and have grace at meals. The parents in such homes habitually school their children in Judaism with justifiable pride.

Judaism has produced nobility of character. Many of the world's most respected leaders in many fields have been, and are, Jews. In many eras and nations they have entered quietly and normally into the flow of community and national life, following their professions or crafts and finding their levels on the basis of true capacity and skill.

Even in the Arab nations, contrary to propaganda, Jewish people are today living peacefully with full respect and rights accorded them and suffering no special pressure or problems despite political revolution there. In Egypt, for example, we found more than 50,000 Jews living with the Arabs happily mingling in all their business relationships, serving in trusted positions in the national life with no problems of persecution. The senior rabbi in the city of Cairo is today one of the most respected elder statesman of that great city.

The great difficulty with some Jews is that they have merged or substituted their Judaistic faith with a political system which is called *Zionism*. An effort has been made, with marked success until recently, to identify Judaism with world-wide Zionism and to make the State of Israel only a part of Israel, the balance being world-wide Zionism. This, you see, makes Judaism not religious but political. Zionists create a double nationality problem, but play it down vigorously. They contend that all the eleven million Jews in the world have national responsibilities to the State of Israel. This is untrue. They even suggest that these eleven million Jews will ultimately go to that Promised Land, which is abhorrent to most Jews in America who understand it.

Some years ago, Mrs. Fifield and I visited with a man who had gone to Israel from Chicago. He would have given anything in all the world to get back to Chicago. Many people who are talking most about Zionism in the great centers of New York, Chicago and Los Angeles do not want to go there and have no thought of going there. That is not their interest. The idea of the in-gathering of these eleven million Jews is an insult, they say, to their intelligence. Anyway, they know that the little State of Israel is tiny, that it has no natural resources of importance and it could not support them if they were to migrate thither.

For the moment the Zionists excuse these folks from going to Israel provided they finance Israel's government. There are a great many who are in the position of sending their money instead of going themselves. There are strong psychological pressures which have been brought to bear on such. The financial appeals for Zionism are highly emotional. Zionist leaders now seem to have the mood

of desperation! They try to emphasize the humanitarian. They try to minimize the political. They have raised staggering sums of money especially since Hitler's dastarly use of the Jews as scapegoats in Germany. This Zionist money is never devoted to the humanitarian purpose of helping the Jewish poor anywhere except in Israel. No matter where the money is raised, it is devoted to the political purposes of the new state. Most of it has come from the United States—not only from our five million Jews but from large numbers of Gentiles as well. Some of the pressures that are used on both Jews and Gentiles in America are unrelenting and effective. There is no way of knowing how many in America actually support Zionism through fear of reprisal and boycott and how many support it through actual belief. My estimate would be that the active, firm-core of Zionist Jews in America is less than 5 per cent of the five million Jews.

Non-Jews, and even Jews, who do not contribute to the appeals for Israel or who raise questions and express concern are immediately labeled anti-Semitic. Politicians and office holders cower in fear as the Zionist leaders threaten withdrawal of the "Jewish Vote." Of course, it has been proved there is no "Jewish Vote." No "Jewish Vote" has ever been delivered to anybody, anymore than a labor vote has ever been delivered. Witness the labor vote that was going to defeat the late Senator Robert Taft of Ohio. When one goes to the poles, he manifests his own convictions. There is no taskmaster or intimidator who can control where he puts the X on his ballot. There probably are not many more firm-core Zionists in America than those who profit from the machinery of Zionism. They are organized more effectively than any other group in America,

with the possible exception of the Roman Catholic Church.

The birth of the State of Israel was effectuated by political consideration and pressures in this country. Pressures on the press (there is no one here from the press tonight—the press does not present this point of view), pressure on radio, television, intimidation of people in positions to disseminate information has been terrific. Public officials have been made to proclaim this and that. They have been decorated for this and that. Often they have revolted inwardly but have bowed to the pressure for what they believed, "political necessity."

The Foreign Policy of the United States can be shown to have been unfairly influenced by these same pressures. *Zionism* is a thoroughly political, commercialized, secularized program which wears the cloak of religion—the cloak of the ancient and honorable religion of *Judaism*. It is far from religious. Life in the State of Israel is largely secularized except in a few islands of Jewish orthodoxy. There are many collective institutions in Israel. The few people in Israel who undertake to be true to the traditions of their Judaistic faith are called "queer." There is a lack of self respect because of dependence on subsidies. There is little, if any, prospect of Israel becoming self supporting.

Secretary Dulles does not deal alone with the State of Israel, but also and even more, with American Jews. "The one who pays the fiddler is the one that calls the tune." Responsible Jews are increasingly loyal to Judaism and against Zionism. Could they but know what a large majority of the American Jews they are, present trends might be accelerated. Zionism stands bankrupt today before

the bar of intelligent world public opinion despite the loud voices and well-organized propaganda in its behalf. Good people who have been beguiled or betrayed into it are beginning to seek ways of exit. They now realize that world Zionism is largely responsible for the present serious crisis in the Middle East. They now know that among other forces Zionism has helped deprive America of the friendship of the powerful Moslem world at the time she needs it sorely. They know that communists are making full capital of these matters and will continue to do so.

The American Council for Judaism, which started as a very small movement of sincere and dedicated Jews who are proud of their religious faith and wish to keep it uncontaminated by any passing political program such as Zionism, is now the fastest growing group in American Jewry. Under their sponsorship, or at least with their help, curriculum material has been prepared for temple and synagogue schools without reference to political Zionism or the State of Israel. The studies are based on a return to their true faith. Eighty-seven congregations and/or schools have been organized across the nation in recent months on this anti-Zionist basis. Many other congregations are leaning in that direction and they would join in the movement but they are so enmeshed in the Zionist apparatus that they find it difficult to extricate themselves. This had to come because truth and right lie with this position! This trend is in tune with history and Zionism is out of tune with history. This trend is related to reality whereas Zionism rests on fictitious premises.

Now Zionism, you understand, was born at the Congress of Basle in Switzerland about 1897. I

think it may be rapidly coming toward its end. As attitudes change in individuals they will change in nations. Politicians will be quick to sense the change and gear their actions to the new trend. Even the United Nations, on which unimaginable pressures have been successfully exerted, will finally be responsive to this new trend. Already in some years more Jews are emigrating from Israel than are immigrating to the State of Israel. "Waters are beginning to find their levels." A few years ago book departments and book stores were afraid to sell anti-Zionist publications. Publishers, with the exception of Caxton, Regnery and a few others, would not publish anti-Zionist material. Some of the largest and most powerful book publishers were ensnared by this evil power. Note the recent publication for the Anti-Defamation League titled "Crosscurrents," which contains untruths and half-truths. It is certainly not up to the standards people have a right to expect from a first-class publisher. I know from personal experience something of the Anti-Defamation League's connections with publication and distribution of inflammatory writings that do not meet the test of truthfulness.

Now I love all these Zionists, every one. I think they are emotionally sick. My sympathy goes out to those who seeing the light of truth cannot withdraw from the shackles of darkness to follow the light. We should try to make it easy for any Zionists who have the impulse for back-tracking, to do so. They have wrought havoc, they have pursued an illusion—doubtless with noblest impulses but two wrongs will never make a right.

This Freedom Club stands above recrimination. It practices true forgiveness in the spirit of Jesus. I speak without any bitterness although I have

grounds ample to be bitter. I preferred to turn the other cheek and cherish the hope of a better day and I am living to see that better day.

I have intentionally omitted personal experiences with this Zionism. They are not important. My remarks may be disappointing and disillusioning to some who have cherished false hopes or followed false prophets. For that I am sorry, but it is better that disillusionment come early than late. It is late enough already. What I say does not destroy hope; it changes its direction and with that change, hope increases. Every thinking person must realize that things have not been right in Israel or in the Zionist groups world-wide which have sponsored it. As this issue is faced in the new light, horizons will clear and better days will dawn. It will require time to reorient those who have made sincere effort and sacrifice on behalf of Zionism. But the summit has been passed and the waters begin to run down the other side cutting new and better channels of helpful service and worthiness in the household of nations and in the fellowship of humanity. The new trend will develop faster than seems possible to most people. It will be felt instanter in many nations, in community organizations and even in households. It is already being felt perceptibly and demonstrably.

One other item should be touched before the question period. What is to become of the State of Israel? If its tap-root is cut, if the false hopes that have sustained it are banished—what will become of the State of Israel? Even if a child were conceived in sin, it has rights in God's world. I hope under the pressures of world sentiment, Israel will agree to return to the borders set by the United Nations in the partitioning of Palestine, pay just

reprisals and will settle down to peaceful life therein. Israel will have to work out its own problems in open competition with the Arabs and the desert. Instead of the glorious homeland concept, Israel must settle down to a humble place in the family of nations. The sooner this perspective is accepted, the less suffering and heartache will ensue in reaching it.

Many more will leave Israel disillusioned, perhaps bitter, but some will stay and others will arrive. I hope that as the Zionist hope for help from America wanes, Israel will not turn to world communism for an asylum of hope and a source of support. But that will be their choice for good or for ill. Responsible Americans should view this phase of American foreign policy objectively and dispassionately.

I wish to especially thank Jewish friends who are here tonight. When this meeting was scheduled I did not realize this is a night of services in most Jewish Temples and Synagogues, until I received a letter from a rabbi who expressed his regret at not being able to be present. It required some courage for some who are here to come. I particularly appreciate their presence. I hope that in the question period you will be unsparingly frank. This is a very controversial area. I hope as you have occasion to discuss the meeting you will try to quote accurately the statements that were made. I understand you have a right to your views. I respect that right. I have a right to mine. I have expressed mine on this subject and I will be most interested in learning yours from your questions.

Let us pray.

QUESTION AND ANSWER PERIOD

Question: Dr. Fifield, will you please give an outline of the Balfour Declaration?

Answer: I can't do that without notes. I went to Palestine shortly after the Balfour Declaration in 1917. This was the Declaration which led to the British Protectorate over Palestine and the acceptance of responsibility in behalf of all the Nations by Great Britain in order to meet a then existing emergency in that country. This is regarded as the beginning of the chain of events which led to the present status. I cannot recite the details of that Declaration. If you will write me a letter, I will send you an outline of it. I have it in my files but I do not have it in my head. Sorry.

Question: On my desk, Dr. Fifield, I have a letter from Norman Vincent Peale of New York and a rather large amount of correspondence from Dr. Daniel Poling and others all of whom are held in esteem by the Freedom Club. All of these are strongly pro-Zionist. They are very friendly to the Zionist position. They all represent a rather wide acquaintance with Israel. Also on my desk is material from Mr. Owen Brewster, Senator McCarthy's very close personal friend, which is also very strongly pro-Zionist. My question to you is, Is it possible for great Americans who are loyal to our nation to disagree wholeheartedly about this question?

Answer: Well, everybody can choose his own course. I don't presume to speak for anyone else. Dr. Peale is not a Zionist. I can tell you that, whatever you have on your desk to the contrary notwithstanding, because I happen to know. I talked

with him this afternoon. You are misinformed, sir. I doubt that Dr. Poling is a Zionist. I could find out in just a moment and probably will. I think he would be quite shocked to have his name presented as a Zionist here. This brings up the question of how there can be a division of opinion on this issue among people of good will and people who certainly are trying to be intellectually honest and fair. My answer to that question is, because there has been such a skillful and insistent and well resourced and almost fanatic program to develop the point of view of Zionism. I doubt that ever in history, with perhaps one, maybe two exceptions there has ever been such a well-resourced effort to establish a point of view and do people's thinking for them. I should say that there are hundreds of clergymen in America who are pro-Zionist, some of them have been taken to the State of Israel, been shown around and some of them have been decorated by various Jewish groups and some of them have only fragmentary information. You see, until quite recently, it was hardly possible to get the kind of information that I have tried to present here to night—it is only beginning to be possible. This new movement that I speak of within the Jewish community itself with eighty-five schools, temples and synagogues has all come in a matter of a few months. A few months ago there wasn't a rabbi of a temple or synagogue in the United States that I know of who would dare speak out against Zionism. Now there are a number. Not knowing what it is that you have on your desk, I wouldn't say more, but in an issue of this sort it is perfectly natural that there would be a division of opinion, and I am sure there are some very sincere Zionists here in the group tonight. I respect their views, but I don't share them.

Question: Dr. Fifield, would you tell us about the Brotherhood of Christians and Jews. Is it Zionist controlled? Is the NAACP a branch of the American Jewish Committee?

Answer: Well, I would say that the National Conference of Christians and Jews has disproportionate Jewish control. I have had rather intimate experiences in the background of the organization and I think that would be a fair statement. I offered some years ago to organize a Council here in Los Angeles before one was organized and the conditions which I laid down provided against disproportionate responsibility and control on the part of any group--and my offer was rejected. That would seem to be conclusive. So far as the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is concerned, I think that all of the minority groups have a natural tendency to pool their interests and that considerable of the directing genius of that organization has been from other minority groups, not Negroes. However, I wouldn't say that it is an arm of any other group.

I want to say that we will stay here all night or until all the questions are answered. I don't want anyone to feel that we are going to run out. We will face any issue.

Question: Judaism from the most ancient days has been the religion of mercy and consideration for the poor and miserable. Is political Zionism true to that position by a stand that condemns thousands of Arabs to helpless misery and wretchedness and puts them in concentration camps on the borders of Israel, often exposing them to added pain of watching strangers cultivate their fields and build on their former possessions?

Answer: I have answered that question already. And the answer is No. Zionism, as I have said plainly as I know how, is a repudiation of the ethical standards and norms of Judaism. The lengths to which Zionist influences go in America and in the United Nations are somewhat frightening.

Question: Is Judaism or Zionism making Jewish interests and ideals the football of contesting political parties? Comment on the shameful tactics of ambitious American politicians who have used Zionism's political appeal to make the issue of Israel a political football.

Answer: They are just plain fools who think that they are playing for a "Jewish Vote." There just isn't such a thing. I covered that, of course, in my address. I don't know anything that I could add to it.

Question: What gave the United Nations the right to carve out the territory for the State of Israel?

Answer: The matter was referred to the United Nations by withdrawal of the British plebiscite in Palestine. You really asked a rather embarrassing question, because you see I am not an advocate of the United Nations, and it is a little hard to defend it. I would not like to see the State of Israel destroyed. The responsible leaders in the Arab states have expressed their willingness to abide by the partitioning of 1947, (wasn't it) if the Israelis will return to those lines and practice peaceful relations within those lines. I am not given to the philosophy of compromise or appeasement but there are some situations in this world where there isn't any ideal alternative and where you have to take the least

bad realistic alternative. And if anyone can come up with any better, more humanitarian, more decent, more Christian program for dealing with this problem (it is not a question of whether we are going to create a problem, it is right in our laps, the "baby" has been born), then I would be interested in that proposal. I suggest the return to this basis of the United Nations position because I think it is the most constructive, present, realistic alternative that is available. I consulted the head of the truce team which chose the borders in Israel, when we were there. We had contacts with very important people who are familiar with large numbers of incidents in the Gaza Strip, etc. I know a considerable part of that territory rather well. I just haven't heard any better proposal. You can't deal abstractly with a concrete situation. You have got to deal concretely and specifically and definitely with a specific problem. The United Nations Plan represents the best solution I have yet heard.

Question: The problem in the State of Israel and your objection to it stems largely from the fact that you don't feel Americans or American Jews should be aiding the State of Israel. Now, the State of Israel is faced with serious economic problems which require aid, largely because it has opened its doors to the immigrants of Europe—Jewish immigrants who were made homeless and who were persecuted during the Nazi years in Germany and in Central Europe. Now these are old people, tired people and worn people. The State of Israel has opened it doors to these people. They are not the most productive people, but they are people—human beings who have a right to live, and Israel has welcomed them and has made them a part of their already drained economy. For this

reason I feel they deserve our support as a humanitarian and not just a political issue. There is another thing too. The most violent anti-Zionists that the world has ever known is Nazi Germany and Communist Russia. I am very surprised to see Americans devoted to democracy and fair play taking a position so closely paralleled to these two totalitarian systems.

Answer: I am very sympathic to the problems of people. I have humanitarian impulses. At the moment mine are with the Arabs, rather than with the Jews because I have seen these people who were deprived of their property which they had purchased or secured through honorable treaty deprived of it by folk, who in my judgment, had no claim whatever to it. So I should say that the humanitarian tug from my point of view is from the other direction. There are 900,000 Arabs, you see, still living in tents and under metal-slab shanties in the hinterland. Don't forget there are three times as many Arabs in the world as there are Jews and that these people have hopes and rights as well as the Jews. The reason that I suggested return to the United Nations pattern is because that seems to me to be about as equitable and fair an arrangement as has been projected. I don't plead guilty to the charge of lacking in humanitarian impulses because I am haunted by the memories of the refugee camps that we visited there on our last trip. The second question has to do with our linking ourselves with the Nazis and Communists because we are oposed to Zionism. We don't agree with them. I abhor them both. I will let it rest at this point.

Question: I would like to ask Dr. Fifield to comment about his trip to the Middle East. When he had visited with some of the Arab leaders there

did he hear where the Hagana Army of Israel went in the middle of the night and massacred the innocent women and children, particularly in this one town. They say that Israel is a democracy and the only democratic country in the Middle East. Does democracy massacre women and children? Will Dr. Fifield comment on some of these incidents that have happened there?

Answer: There was blood on the hands of both sides. I wouldn't wish to pass judgment on which side has the most blood. I would say that the most tragic mistake of the sort that is indicated here is the murder of Count Bernadotte. He was the symbol of hope in that whole area and the covenants that he made were violated by his successor, Mr. Bunche, and I would say that the Stern Gang and the Hagana Gang and others have been guilty of terrible atrocities. I would say in all fairness that the Arab's hands are not clean either. You have in that area an impossible situation at the present time. The United Nations has issued a mandate that Israel has refused to accept and the tensions between the people, particularly since the Arab League has become relatively solidified, are likely to continue. The conditions which the lady describes are just about as bad on one side as on the other.

Question: Do you think that anybody should uphold Zionism unless and until that person is willing to be lifted out of his own locale and moved out to the Mojave Desert with a million other people, with no equipment, no nothing except broken promises? As Dr. Fifield said, we pledged the Arabs to look after them, and Brother Bunche reversed that. I think it has come down to a very practical

thing—would we be willing to accept what the Arabs have had to accept?

Answer: I think their lot is unspeakable. I think they have been treated as animals, not as people not only by the Jews but by the United Nations and in part with the connivance and approval of the United States Government. I think that the situation which you describe is not overdrawn. I don't want to be emotional but I can say to you, certainly it has torn me to see families with their little children huddled under the burning, hot metal roofs living on the edge of the desert, seven cents allowed per day for their keep and many of them dying. I would say that the State that would bring about such deplorable conditions, would have much to answer for.

Question: Dr. Fifield, what would you say would be the relationship of Zionism to the Communistic movement in America.

Answer: I want to say that you cannot practice guilt by association. There are lots of Jewish people who are as vigorously opposed to Communism as I am. You can't generalize in these matters. I had the honor ten years or so ago of giving a luncheon at the Biltmore Hotel to help start the Jewish League Against Communism Chapter here in the city of Los Angeles. By the way, the Jewish League Against Communism last week had a luncheon at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City which was addressed by one of my most admired friends, Mr. David Lawrence. He had dealt at some considerable length on the outlook concerning the Communistic conspiracy and its seriousness in our time. I got copies of that address from the Congressional Record and if any of you want a copy,

drop me a line and I will send it to you. Anyone that is a Communist is making a mistake whether he is Jew or Gentile.

Question: Dr. Fifield, you mentioned great influence by the Zionists in the field of publications. Has this influence extended into communications generally, and how deep has it extended and if so, what is the fundamental implication of this influence into the field of communication?

Answer: It is very real. I think it has penetrated very far. I suppose the thing you are alluding to is whether there is preparation for a revolution and if the control of communications is to be in the hands of the enemy. If so, I don't share any alarm on that score yet. I think if the politicians of the land, or at least the public officials in the land get some lime in their backbones and realize that sentiment is moving the other way, these evils can be corrected by our American system. I am not terribly alarmed about it as some people are who think that there is an evil person in every key post waiting for the bugle to sound. I haven't gotten into that mood at all.

Question: Dr. Fifield, I would like to ask this question. Since there is so much talk in the world and such a hubbub about anti-Semitism and accusations of this sort, are all the Semites in the world Jews?

Answer: Oh no, Jews are only a small part of the Semite group. If you take the lineage that comes from Shem, the son of Noah, you would include all of the Arabs, who of course are Semites. You would include the Assyrians, Yemenites—there are about eighty or ninety million Semites which would make

the Jews about one in ten in ratio. (Interruption.) That fallacy has been illustrated by this woman who says she is not Jewish but is a Semite. She is a symbol of the answer that I gave. I am glad that the question was brought up. That is just part of the apparatus that has been developed to create confusion.

I would like to announce a meeting, if I may at this point. One of my friends of many years' standing and a man that I admire very much, Dean Clarence Manion, is going to be speaking at the Shrine Auditorium on June 7. Now it is very important that the auditorium be filled. You will hear a great address. (Added later: "It was filled.")

Question: Dr. Fifield, would you comment on the statement of the late Rabbi Stephen Wise, "Some call it Communism, but I call it Judaism."

Answer: I have heard that remark credited to Rabbi Wise. I don't believe he ever made it and if he made it, I don't think he was in his right mind. I knew Rabbi Stephen Wise for twenty years. One afternoon when I was preaching in New York for the summer, he came up to our room in the Roosevelt Hotel, laid down on the davenport and we talked for three hours. I think that he had some senility in his later years and may have made irresponsible statements but I would want to say to the credit of Rabbi Wise, as my good friend for many years, that if the statement reported was ever made by him it was made when he was not himself.

Question: You say that this district is under some of the worst influences of evil in the United States. Is that influence ruled by the pressure of the same

gang that keeps us from singing Christmas carols in schools and even on Wilshire Boulevard at Christmas?

Answer: I know from personal experience that this problem is serious here. The Los Angeles Chief of Police Parker, who incidentally is a very good Chief of Police, corroborates the statement. Los Angeles is commonly regarded as one of the most dangerous, subversive communities in the United States. So far as this pressure in the schools to eliminate Christmas carols and substitute the Jewish songs, I think that when the water begins to go down the other side of the hill, this is one of the hundreds of situations that are likely to get straightened out because so far I know, this is still a Christian country.

Question: Dr. Fifield, I would like to inquire the approximate proportion of Zionists that are now living in Israel?

Answer: I have made quite an effort to get that information and have not succeeded. I have no information on the question you ask. I can only say that I know from conversations that I had one afternoon in Tel Aviv, for example, that there are a lot of people there who may have once been Zionists but who aren't now. As I said in the body of my address, the firm-core Zionists are few and for the most part those who have a self-interest angle in the matter. They have secured the support of fine people who have humanitarian impulses, such as the gentlemen who asked the question here a moment ago. They have thought sincerely but they have been misled to believe that Israel would be the promised land and that all Jews would there find the fulfillment of their heart's de-

sires. I can only say from personal testimonies and from observations there, that they have not found it. It is my conviction that they never will. However many Zionists there are in Israel, they completely dominate and control the total situation.

Question: You have spoken excellently in generalities but you have given us very few facts. I would like you to substantiate the statement which I am quoting from your address and I would like for you to substantiate it with facts and with figures: "Money that was raised was never used to help the Jewish poor anywhere but in Israel." Certainly, I don't think that this can be true.

Answer: I have made quite an effort to find any philanthropy carried on by the Zionist apparatus anywhere except in Israel, or at the present time in North Africa in an effort to get Jews in North Africa to migrate to Israel. I have never been able to find the disbursement of any money by the Zionist organization to help the poor in any other country. If anyone has that information I should be very glad to retract my statement. (There was a pause and no one spoke.) I did not make that statement casually. I believe the facts will support it. If you have reference to the present expenditures in North Africa where havoc is being wrought in the effort to stem the tide of emigres from Israel by getting substantial influx of Jewish people from the Barbary Coast countries, I recognize that substantial monies are being spent there but as part of the Zionist program for getting these people to Israel. Since the new Morrocan government has made every effort to insure the Jews equal treatment, the effort to get them to migrate to Palestine failed and has been abandoned.